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SUBJECT: U.S.-IRAN FINANCIAL CONFERENCE: SECRETARY'S SPEECH

1. FOLLOWING CONSTITUTES TEXT OF MESSAGE FROM SECRETARY
OF STATE TO BE READ BY MR. ROCKEFELLER AT U.S.-IRAN FINAN-
CIAL CONFERENCE IN TEHRAN MARCH 2: BEGIN TEXT

"I AM PLEASED TO BE ABLE TO GREET YOU IN THIS FORUM THROUGH
THE KIND ASSISTANCE OF MY GOOD FRIEND DAVID ROCKEFELLER.
IN RECENT YEARS THE UNITED STATES AND INDEED ALL NATIONS
HAVE BECOME INCREASINGLY AWARE THAT THE POST WORLD WAR II
STRUCTURE OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS HAS GIVEN WAY TO A NEW,
MORE COMPLEX, YET UNCERTAIN WORLD. ALL NATIONS NOW ARE
PART OF A SINGLE GLOBAL ECONOMY, EACH PART DIRECTLY AFFECT-
ED BY EVENTS THAT OCCUR ELSEWHERE AND EVERYWHERE. AN
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EXAMPLE OF PARTICULAR CONCERN TO THIS CONFERENCE IS THE
WORLD FINANCIAL SYSTEM, WHERE MARKETS REACT ON A DAILY
BASIS TO DECISIONS AND EVENTS IN FAR CORNERS OF THE GLOBE.

WE FACE NO MORE CHALLENGING TASK THAN TO HELP SHAPE A NEW
ERA OF INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION WHICH WILL ENABLE

ALL NATIONS TO ASSIST EFFECTIVELY IN DETERMINING OUR
COMMON ECONOMIC DESTINY.

"TODAY, NEW REGIONAL CENTERS OF LEADERSHIP AND INFLUENCE
ARE RISING AROUND THE GLOBE, AND FROM THEM ARE COMING NEW
INITIATIVES ADDRESSING THE KEY ECONOMIC ISSUES THAT AFFECT
EVERY ONE OF US. THE COMPLEXITY AND UBIQUITOUS
NATURE OF TECHNOLOGICAL CHANGE IS FELT WORLDWIDE AND EN-
LISTS THE ENERGIES OF PEOPLE AND GOVERNMENTS THROUGHTOUT THE
GLOBE. IN THIS RAPIDLY CHANGING WORLD, IRAN, UNDER THE
WISE LEADERSHIP OF HIS IMPERIAL MAJESTY, HAS EMERGED TO
ECONOMIC POWER AND INTERNATIONAL STATURE AS A FORCE FOR
GLOBAL STABILITY, FULFILLING THE PROMISE OF A MATCHLESS
HERITAGE OF HISTORICAL GREATNESS. A SIGNIFICANT ROLE FOR
IRAN IN OUR CONTEMPORARY WORLD WILL BE INDISPENSABLE IF
THE COMMUNITY OF NATIONS IS SUCCESSFULLY TO ENCOUNTER SOME
OF THE MOST CRITICAL INTERNATIONAL CHALLENGES OF OUR TIME.

"IT IS FOR THESE REASONS THAT THE UNITED STATES PLACES THE
GREATEST IMPORTANCE ON THE CONTINUATION OF FIRM AND FRUIT-
FUL TIES BETWEEN OUR TWO NATIONS. THE UNITED STATES HAS
HAD FOR THREE DECADES A VERY CLOSE AND SPECIAL RELATION-
SHIP WITH IRAN ENCOMPASSING A WIDE VARIETY OF MUTUAL
INTERESTS.OVER A YEAR AGO, HIS IMPERIAL MAJESTY AGREED
WITH US THAT OBJECTIVE CONDITIONS CALLED FOR A FURTHER
EXPANSION OF THIS RELATIONSHIP INTO NEW AND UNCHARTED
AREAS, AND THE U.S.-IRAN JOINT COMMISSION WAS FORMED. WE
WANTED AT THAT TIME TO ENCOURAGE THE TREMENDOUS ENERGIES
AND ABILITIES OF AMERICAN ENTERPRISE TO FOCUS ON ISSUES
THAT AFFECT NOT JUST IRAN OR THE UNITED STATES, BUT THE
LARGER WORLD AS WELL, AND WE EXPECTED THAT THE COMMISSION
WOULD STIMULATE AND ASSIST THE U.S. PRIVATE SECTOR TO ITS
ROLE IN THAT GLOBAL ENDEAVOR. IN INTERNATIONAL FINANCE,
PERHAPS MORE THAN IN ANY OTHER FIELD, IT IS EVIDENT JUST
HOW TIGHTLY WE ARE ALL TIED TOGETHER. CHANGES IN IRAN'S
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FINANCIAL PROGRAMS HAVE EFFECTS NOT JUST IN TEHRAN, BUT
ALSO IN NEW YORK, LONDON, PARIS AND TOKYO. IN THE SUPPORT
WE HAVE GIVEN TO TECHNOLOGICAL AND ECONOMIC ADVANCEMENT IN
THE REST OF THE WORLD, WE HAVE RECOGNIZED THAT SUCH PRO-
GRESS CONTRIBUTES ALSO TO OUR OWN ECNOMY. AND WE HAVE
COME TO SEE THAT THE DEVELOPMENT OF ADDITIONAL CENTERS OF
INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL STRENGTH IN OTHER LANDS ADDS TO
THE WELL-BEING OF THE UNITED STATES.

"IT IS THROUGH EFFORTS SUCH AS THIS CONFERENCE THAT THE

RESPONSIBLE AND INFLUENTIAL NATIONS OF THE WORLD CAN ENSURE THAT OUR INCREASINGLY INTERDEPENDENT GLOBAL ECONOMY PROVIDES AN OPPORTUNITY TO TRANSCEND ECONOMIC RIVALRY AND CONTENTION WHICH HAS SCARRED SO MUCH OF THE MODERN ERA. THEY OFFER, INSTEAD, THE HOPE THAT WE MAY MAKE A POSITIVE CONTRIBUTION TO A NEW INTERNATIONAL ERA OF COOPERATION, CAPABLE OF ENCOMPASSING THE POSITIVE ASPIRATIONS OF ALL PEOPLES." END TEXT

2. SECRETARY IS MOST APPRECIATIVE OF MR. ROCKEFELLER'S WILLINGNESS TO READ THE ABOVE MESSAGE." INGERSOLL

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